(ii) Creation of management, decision & Planning support systems at all the levels for effective on-line planning, monitoring and management of wide spectrum of schemes and programmes.

(iii) *Employing IT interface in poverty* alleviation programmes.

(iv) Utilisation of information technology for awareness generation among people.

Government considers information Technology in Rural Development as a priority item.

Jobs under JRY in Tamil Nadu

2441. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons provided jobs under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) in the country, during the last six months; and

(b) the number of persons provided jobs under the scheme in Tamil Nadu, particularly in Kanyakumari District, during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) a Centrally sponsored programme, is being implemented throughout the country except in Delhi and Chandigarh, for providing additional gainful employment to the unemployed and underemployed persons both men and women living below poverty line in the rural areas. The physical performance under JRY during the year 1998-99 (April, 98 to January, 99), for the country, in Tamil Nadu and in Kanyakumari district is as given below:—

All India	2394.19 lakh mandays (available till December, 98)
Tamil Nadu	253.06 lakh mandays
Kanyakumari district	7.38 lakh mandays

Pitiable condition of Panchapalli Ibrisingh Road

2442. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that, Panchapalli-Ibrisingh Road in Jagatsinghpur district of Orissa under Erasama Block is in a pitiable condition;

(b) whether people of the nearby villages face immense difficulties in reaching the National Highway to Paradeep port;

(c) the amount spent on repair of the said road during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) by when it is likely to be metalled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) Roads is a State subject. State Governments are responsible for construction and maintenance of roads for which, funds are allocated by the Planning Commission under the State plan for construction and maintenance of roads. Repairing the Panchapalli-Ibrisingh Road in Jagatsinghpur district of Orissa is within the purview of the State Government.

(b) The Central Government has not been informed of difficulties being faced by the people of nearby villages in reaching the National Highway to Paradeep port.

(c) The Central Government does not monitor the expenditure on repair of roads as it is a State subject.

(d) The Government does not have any plans to metal roads in the States, this being a State subject. The State Governments are free to make their own plans and apportion funds allocated by the Planning Commission under the State Plan between construction and maintenance of roads.

Villages connected to main transportation line in U.P.

2443. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages connected by link road to main transportation line in Pauri Garhwal district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have any proposal